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SETTING UP OF MEGA POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to give fast track clearance to mega power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether one of the impediments in the investment on such power projects is the long delay to obtain different types of clearance; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ease the procedure in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : As per Electricity Act, 2003, any generating company may establish a thermal generating station without obtaining a licence under this Act if it complies with the technical standards relating to the connectivity with the grid. Concurrence of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is not required for thermal power generation schemes. For hydro generation schemes, CEA has formulated guidelines to accord concurrence to the schemes within a period of 90 working days from the date of receipt of the Detailed Project Report complete in all respects.

However, certain statutory clearances like environmental and forest clearances are required for setting up of power projects.

(c) & (d) : In order to facilitate early implementation of power projects, Government, on a review of the matter, has decided to closely monitor the progress of projects and accelerate grant of environmental/forest clearances.